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SOUTHERN COMMAND

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Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1,205 crashes as compared to 1,381 crashes in March 2007. The total crashes decreased by 12.7% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway and extensive public education efforts. When compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities also decreased by 60%, this equates to 6 fewer fatal crashes in March 2008. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 37 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last March. Of the 49 commercial crashes investigated this month, 2 resulted in injuries, 1 was a fatal and the remaining 46 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.1% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.6% off all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,203 crash reports in March. This resulted in 6,033 crash reports being mailed out, 24% less than last March. There were 1,053 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was a decrease of 13% when compared to March 2007.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 23,607 CAD incidents and 35,004 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in the overall traffic enforcement of .4% in March 2008, as compared to March 2007. DUI arrests from crashes decreased by 21.4% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes also decreased by over 21% as compared to last year. Other arrests were up 61.6%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 13.3% and it's other citations by 197% as compared to last March. The number of Safety Inspections decreased by 7.9% compared to last year. This resulted in 82 vehicles and 37 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

| | March 08 | | March 07 | % Change | | February 08 | % Change |
|--|----------|--|----------|----------|--|-------------|----------|
| Total crashes | 1205 | | 1381 | -12.7% | | 1238 | -2.7% |
| Property crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 891 | | 1053 | -15.4% | | 938 | -5.0% |
| Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 310 | | 318 | -2.5% | | 289 | 7.3% |
| Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 4 | | 10 | -60.0% | | 11 | -63.6% |
| DUI crashes [DUI charged] | 55 | | 70 | -21.4% | | 49 | 12.2% |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes | 5 | | 11 | -54.5% | | 12 | -58.3% |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts | 2 | | 1 | 100.0% | | 5 | -60.0% |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts | 0 | | 1 | -100.0% | | 2 | -200.0% |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts | 0 | | 3 | -300.0% | | 3 | -300.0% |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts | 1 | | 1 | 0.0% | | 1 | 0.0% |
| Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable | 2 | | 5 | -60.0% | | 1 | 100.0% |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes | 49 | | 78 | -37.2% | | 54 | -9.3% |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle | 46 | | 67 | -31.3% | | 45 | 2.2% |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle | 2 | | 9 | -77.8% | | 7 | -71.4% |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle | 1 | | 2 | -50.0% | | 2 | -50.0% |

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .3 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.6%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 66.7%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.1%
- ✱ Total crashes down 12.7 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 37.8% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 60 % as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

| TRAFFIC OPERATIONS | March 08 | | March 07 | % Change | | February 08 | % Change |
|--|----------|--|----------|----------|--|-------------|----------|
| DUI arrests from crashes ## | 55 | | 70 | -21.4% | | 49 | 12.2% |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ## | 161 | | 205 | -21.5% | | 172 | -6.4% |
| Other arrests | 1626 | | 1006 | 61.6% | | 1433 | 13.5% |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included) ## | 397 | | 431 | -7.9% | | 423 | -6.1% |
| Speed violations | 4019 | | 3969 | 1.3% | | 3954 | 1.6% |
| Hazardous moving violations | 2192 | | 2333 | -6.0% | | 2218 | -1.2% |
| Occupant restraint violations * ## | 651 | | 684 | -4.8% | | 554 | 17.5% |
| Total violations [above violations included] | 11843 | | 11797 | 0.4% | | 11187 | 5.9% |
| COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS | | | | | | | |
| Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests | 68 | | 60 | 13.3% | | 82 | -17.1% |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests | 229 | | 77 | 197.4% | | 209 | 9.6% |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6] | 597 | | 648 | -7.9% | | 780 | -23.5% |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only | 5 | | 0 | 500.0% | | 0 | 500.0% |
| Total safety violations -- citation | 262 | | 283 | -7.4% | | 282 | -7.1% |
| Total safety violations -- repair order | 1184 | | 1456 | -18.7% | | 1367 | -13.4% |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service" | 82 | | 85 | -3.5% | | 95 | -13.7% |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service" | 37 | | 86 | -57.0% | | 46 | -19.6% |
| Total school buses inspected | 361 | | 288 | 25.3% | | 309 | 16.8% |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service" | 62 | | 32 | 93.8% | | 45 | 37.8% |
| Total trucks weighed | 1328 | | 1289 | 3.0% | | 296 | 348.6% |
| Total overweight citations | 18 | | 25 | -28.0% | | 12 | 50.0% |
| Total dyed fuel inspections | 586 | | 639 | -8.3% | | 780 | -24.9% |
| Total dyed fuel citations | 0 | | 6 | -600.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

| COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY] | Urban Ops | | Rural Ops | | Task Force |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|------------|
| Level 2/3 Inspections | 18 | | 16 | | 7 |
| Safety Violations Citation | | | 10 | | 3 |
| Safety Violations Repair Order | | | 11 | | 6 |
| Drivers Placed "Out of Service" | 1 | | 2 | | |
| Dyed Fuel Inspections | | | 11 | | |
| Dyed Fuel Citations | | | 1 | | |

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.16%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32.5 years old.
- ✱ ?% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 3.9% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | March 2008 | | March 2007 | % Change | | February 2008 | % Change |
|--|------------|--|------------|----------|--|---------------|----------|
| COMMUNICATION CENTER | | | | | | | |
| Radio Transmissions from Console | 317,965 | | 145,369 | 118.7% | | 320,034 | -0.6% |
| Radio Tx and Receive totals | 1,377,364 | | 1,409,185 | -2.3% | | 1,340,181 | 2.8% |
| CAD Incidents | 23607 | | 27310 | -13.6% | | 22,470 | 5.1% |
| Telephone Calls | 35004 | | 40989 | -14.6% | | 32,159 | 8.8% |
| Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only] | 68 | | 29 | 134.5% | | 40 | 70.0% |
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| FRONT OFFICE | | | | | | | |
| Accident Reports Processed | 1,203 | | 1,781 | -32.5% | | 1,168 | 3.0% |
| Arrest Reports Processed | 357 | | 412 | -13.3% | | 502 | -28.9% |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 19 | | 15 | 26.7% | | 22 | -13.6% |
| Vehicle Impound Releases | 129 | | 92 | 40.2% | | 94 | 37.2% |
| Visitors at Counter | 1,053 | | 1,210 | -13.0% | | 866 | 21.6% |
| Crash Reports Mailed Out | 6,033 | | 7,999 | -24.6% | | 6,525 | -7.5% |
| | | | | | | | |
| COURT / WARRANT | | | | | | | |
| Warrants Received | 782 | | 539 | 45.1% | | 859 | -9.0% |
| Warrants Entered | 458 | | 349 | 31.2% | | 564 | -18.8% |
| Warrants Cleared | 544 | | 247 | 120.2% | | 361 | 50.7% |
| Warrants Validated | 1419 | | 1575 | -9.9% | | 1919 | -26.1% |
| Extradition / Transports | 9 | | 8 | 12.5% | | 15 | -40.0% |
| | | | | | | | |
| EVIDENCE | | | | | | | |
| New Cases Submitted | 59 | | 39 | 51.3% | | 57 | 3.5% |
| New Items Submitted | 125 | | 82 | 52.4% | | 118 | 5.9% |
| Items Disposed | 9 | | 206 | -95.6% | | 16 | -43.8% |

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 81.4% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 15.3 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 1.7 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 1.7 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 16 Contracts using 1613 hours, billed in the amount of \$107,711.44

PUBLIC INFORMATION

| Phone Activity | Press Releases | Media Interview/TV | PIEO Meetings | Accident Response |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1448 | 12 | 193 | 39 | 6 |

| Website E-Mail Traffic | E-Mail Responses | Public Relations Projects | News Articles Total | Proactive News Articles | Reactive News Articles |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 564 | 375 | 68 | 123 | 104 | 19 |

Community service appearances:

- Las Vegas College, Elizondo E.S., Bonanza H.S., Clark H.S., Durango H.S., Kay Carl E.S.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Seatbelt and Traffic Safety Presentation w/AAA Nevada
- NHTSA teen aged seat belt planning meeting
- Clark County fire works task force meeting
- Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run Luncheon
- Meeting of Las Vegas Traffic Advisory Task Force
- Traffic Safety Presentation for Nevada Test Site
- P.A.C.E. yourself teen driving program / partners meeting
- Traffic Incident Management (TIM) third meeting
- Hoover Dam Emergency preparedness exercise
- Shop with a Cop 2007 planning meeting
- Multiple Press Conferences for Teen Seatbelt Programs
- Training for Meth 360 Project
- Two day Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan Summit
- DPS Southern Academy graduation
- IPOF Car Show at Sunset Park

PIO Projects:

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Use of Seatbelt Convincer.
4. DPS Courage to Live Program research.